

Read Across America Contest Rules for 2017

Get Ready to Go WILD!

Rafiki Recommends Reading to be the King of the Jungle!



For 2017, the RAA theme is "Animal Characters Make Reading Fun!"

- wild or domestic animals

There will be two contests and random prizes throughout the RAA week,
March 1-10.

Main Contest Rules:

1. All entries must be neatly done.
2. Any eligible entry must be to Sue Schulz, room B-02, by March 8th.
3. All entries must follow specific guidelines designed for each type of writing/contest. See rubrics attached. Submit with entry.
4. Any copyright violations/plagiarism will cause disqualification.

Summary of Contests:

Contest one - Choose a book that has an animal as the main character or has an animal as the main focus of the plot. Write a book review. The content of this **book review** should follow the checklist guidelines. The top ten will be chosen and winners will be asked to share their review on the announcements or to their class.

Contest two - Do you like to draw? Do you like to create stories using computer graphics? Design your own **comic strip** about an animal talking up books or design your very own **graphic novel chapter** using animal and human or just animal characters. Follow the guidelines on the checklist attached. Here are two sites that may help you.

<http://generator.acmi.net.au/storyboard>

<http://www.comicmaster.org.uk/>

Graphic Novel Chapter/Comic Rubric:

Category: Neatness

- ___ Sharp Lines
- ___ Readable
- ___ No Smudging /Coloring Outside Lines

Category: Grammar

- ___ Coherent Sentences/Dialogue
- ___ Punctuated Correctly
- ___ No Spelling Errors

Category: Visual

- ___ Colorful
- ___ Detailed Pictures
- ___ Correct Structure (Does it look like a graphic novel or comic strip?)

Category: Creativity

- ___ Original
- ___ Story Elements (Novel Chapter) or Humor (Comic Strip)
- ___ Animal Character Present

Content that is violent, shows weapons or uses inappropriate language is not acceptable.



Book Review Checklist

Introductory Paragraph

_____ Title
_____ Author
_____ Series (if applicable)
_____ Awards and/or Acclaim

Body Paragraph

_____ Main Character(s)
_____ Plot Information
_____ Theme
_____ No Spoilers

Conclusion Paragraph

_____ Title
_____ Author
_____ Reviewer's Opinion
_____ Reviewer's Recommendations

Grammar

_____ Correct Spelling
_____ Correct Capitalization
_____ Correct End Punctuation
_____ Correct Punctuation of Title (and Series)

